GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2124
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PRODUCTION OF A GRADE COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the production of `A` grade coal in the country, during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Coal companies despatch good quality coal produced in Tamil Nadu to other States; and

(c) if so, the reasons for depriving Tamil Nadu of the legitimate access to their own natural resource?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) Statewise production of Grade`A` coal during last three years are given below:

(In thousand tonnes)

State	2002-03 (Prov.)	2001-02	2000-01
Andhra Pradesh	-	50	-
Assam	633	640	660
Chattisgarh	791	780	781
Madhya Pradesh	790	785	795
Jharkhand	194	190	207
West Bengal	962	1015	1105
Total	3370	3460	3548

(b) No Public Sector coal company is producing good quality coal in Tamil Nadu and dispatching the same to the other states.

(c) Question does not arise.